

WILL THERE BE DEATH

Palmer has not been in the office for more than four weeks, but he has been able to find out that a public office is not a sinecure by any means. He has found that the time the civil service commission takes to apply to the other departments for the Public Printing Office is a long time. He has found that the office is a dumping ground for all the refuse that comes to Washington. He has found that the Congressmen who have been in the office, however infrequently, have been in it for a long time. He has found that the office is a place, and the office is a place, and the office is a place.

that office. There are public men in town now, but here have besieged Mr. by day with applications from friends and constituents. On the day that he took the office Representative Insas made his appearance in office and since Mr. Peters has visited him here. Other members of the Senate have called upon them out, and if he makes them are requested to old turn the Public. Please

side down once a month. Printer's position is a very to fill and it is one that is paid for the responsibility assumes. Mr. s only \$4,500 a year, less mber of the cabinet and he rk to do and more bother of them. If Mr. Palmer passing through the trials of the next four years with the security not only of in both Houses and a Conf of the members of his own life, he will have done

under Mr. Palmer is a very old composition of men who are masters of the art of printing, of type-setting, of engraving, of lithography, and of every other branch connected with the printing office. They are all men of long experience, and have been employed by every man or woman who has ever wanted an office, or needed a place by some one else. To maintain the high standard of Mr. Palmer must maintain the force of competent men, at the same time as to preserve the reputation of the press, it is necessary to employ Congress and other political men, as immovable. The

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office uses an enormous paper every year and control by the Joint Printing Congress by bids. There are paper mills in this country capable of filling the contracts by the Joint Committee, able men put in bids and are added contracts which they rely upon fluctuations and upon being able to the large mills a sufficient paper to fill out. When I say irresponsible mean that they are in-

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gress, for Congress alone.

The Public Printer has a and a season when he is idle, and yet during the must maintain the same maintains in his busiest nearly as possible or give to persons who are in when Congress is in session enormous number of pub- sent down to the Public they consist of reports from reports from the depart- to the two Houses of Con-

her documents. Many of illustrated, many contain
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Meantime, one of the de-
is probably sent down some
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period if it is to be of
and several Senators and
Congress have come in
ate orders for their speeches,
be printed by the Public
eir expense, for circulation.

Printer is urged to hurry work and push that one the Congressman does not like he is offended; if the department does not get his he feels that he has complaint, and Congress must act for Congress makes the law which keep the Public from going. In the midst of the war comes from some contractors who were to buy tons of white paper, unable to supply it and that day to pay a money forfeit.

Printer must go into the street and obtain the paper. If he cannot obtain it, he must lose the enmity of all whom it is so necessary he has for his friends. There is an amount of unnecessary printing the Public Printing Office is of course, interferences with the work. The type may be an urgent piece of work from Congress and it may to run off this job in order to get the type and use it over. Arbitrary rules are established

as to the amount that may obtain labor and the Public unable possibly to obtain at that price. If he does he is looked upon as inefficient say these things to dis-Palmer, but rather to expose those who may observe him much of the criticism of they will see in public print that they will hear from the public men is hardly justified. Printer holds one of the most and delicate positions in and he is seldom accorded

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